## **HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 661**

By Dean

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Chattanooga Composite Squadron upon being named the top squadron in the Tennessee Wing Civil Air Patrol and the Southeast Region.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans continue the State's time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the Civil Air Patrol (CAP); and

WHEREAS, the members of the Chattanooga Composite Squadron are such estimable people who evince the greatest integrity and probity in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, consisting of forty dedicated members, both cadets and senior members and officers, the Chattanooga Composite Squadron was recently honored with the Squadron of Merit Award, making it as the top squadron in the Tennessee Wing Civil Air Patrol; and

WHEREAS, having earned the respect of their Regional Commander for their dedication to excellence, unparalleled valor, and selfless devotion to country, the members of the Chattanooga Composite Squadron also earned top squadron in the Southeast Region honors as part of the CAP Squadron of Distinction Program; and

WHEREAS, in order to earn both of these prestigious accolades, the squadron surpassed each of its fellow units in squadron strength, squadron growth rate, cadet achievement, cadet encampment attendance, and cadet orientation flight participation; and

WHEREAS, as a part of this most befitting honor, this distinguished unit will receive a distinctive certificate and streamer; and

WHEREAS, the Chattanooga Composite Squadron epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Chattanooga Composite Squadron, for its dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend the Chattanooga Composite Squadron upon being named the top squadron in both the Tennessee Wing Civil Air Patrol and the Southeast Region, praising the members of this elite unit for their bravery, patriotism, and dedication and extending to them our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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